

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 11

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging INDOT to rename the northbound Interstate 69 bridge over the Patoka River the Trooper William J. "Joe" Trees Memorial Bridge.

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January 15, 2013 , read first time and referred to Committee on Homeland Security, Transportation and Veterans Affairs.
February 19, 2013, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass.



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2 northbound Interstate 69 bridge over the Patoka River the Trooper
3 William J. "Joe" Trees Memorial Bridge.

4 *Whereas, Trooper William Trees was an Indiana State*
5 *Police Officer who was killed in a traffic accident on June*
6 *26, 1972 while in pursuit of a traffic violator;*

7 *Whereas, William Trees was born on November 25, 1943*
8 *in Marion, Indiana to Bill and Ruth Trees;*
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10 *Whereas, Trooper Trees was raised in Upland and*
11 *graduated from Jefferson High School. He joined the United*
12 *States Navy during the Vietnam War and was honorably*
13 *discharged in 1968;*

14 *Whereas, Trooper Trees attended the Indiana State*
15 *Police Academy and was appointed an Indiana State Trooper*
16 *on September 1, 1968;*

17 *Whereas, Trooper Trees was assigned to the Evansville*
18 *post and remained active in the Oakland City community*
19 *where he lived until his death. He was a member of the*
20 *Jaycees, helped establish a teen center where he chaperoned*
21 *dances, coached little league baseball and was an active*
22 *member of Our Savior Lutheran Church;*



1 *Whereas, At the time of his death, Trooper Trees was*
2 *married to Marsha Clamme Trees, with whom he had a 18*
3 *month old daughter named Jodi Lynn. Marsha was three*
4 *months pregnant with their second child, William Joseph*
5 *Trees, Jr., at the time of Trooper Trees' death; and*

6 *Whereas, In recognition of his ultimate sacrifice, the*
7 *Indiana Department of Transportation is urged to rename the*
8 *northbound Interstate 69 bridge over the Patoka River at*
9 *mile marker 37.81, bridge number I-69-26-9462, the Trooper*
10 *William J. "Joe" Trees Memorial Bridge: Therefore,*

11 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly*
12 *of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:*
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14 SECTION 1. The Indiana General Assembly urges INDOT to
15 rename the northbound Interstate 69 bridge over the Patoka River the
16 Trooper William J. "Joe" Trees Memorial Bridge.

17 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
18 transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Indiana Department of
19 Transportation.

